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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: RISE Prep Mayoral Academy

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Major Projects and Fast Track Repairs. A chart summarizing RISE Prep Mayoral Academy's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$11,406,248 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$3,421,874):**

**RISE Prep Mayoral Academy:**

i. RISE Prep Mayoral Academy	<b>\$11,406,248</b>
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## SUMMARY: FY 2018 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2018 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
<b>Purchase, Major Renovation, and Addition</b>	This project includes the purchase of a property, as well as high priority improvements, educational enhancements, and an addition to accommodate RISE Prep Mayoral Academy's current and future enrollments.	RISE Prep Mayoral Academy currently leases space in Woonsocket and has reached the capacity at its current location. This project will provide RISE Prep Mayoral Academy with a permanent home to accommodate current enrollment as well as their planned enrollment. This three phase project includes the purchase of the facility, as well as high priority repairs including site repairs, HVAC improvements, electrical upgrades, ADA improvements, educational program improvements, and other building systems repairs. The final phase includes an addition to accommodate a gymnasium.	30%	\$11,406,248 (Bond)	\$3,421,874	\$5,424,598

\* State share ratio is based on FY2018 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonus incentives.

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. RISE Prep Mayoral Academy intends to pay for the project out of bond proceeds.